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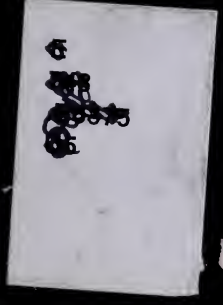

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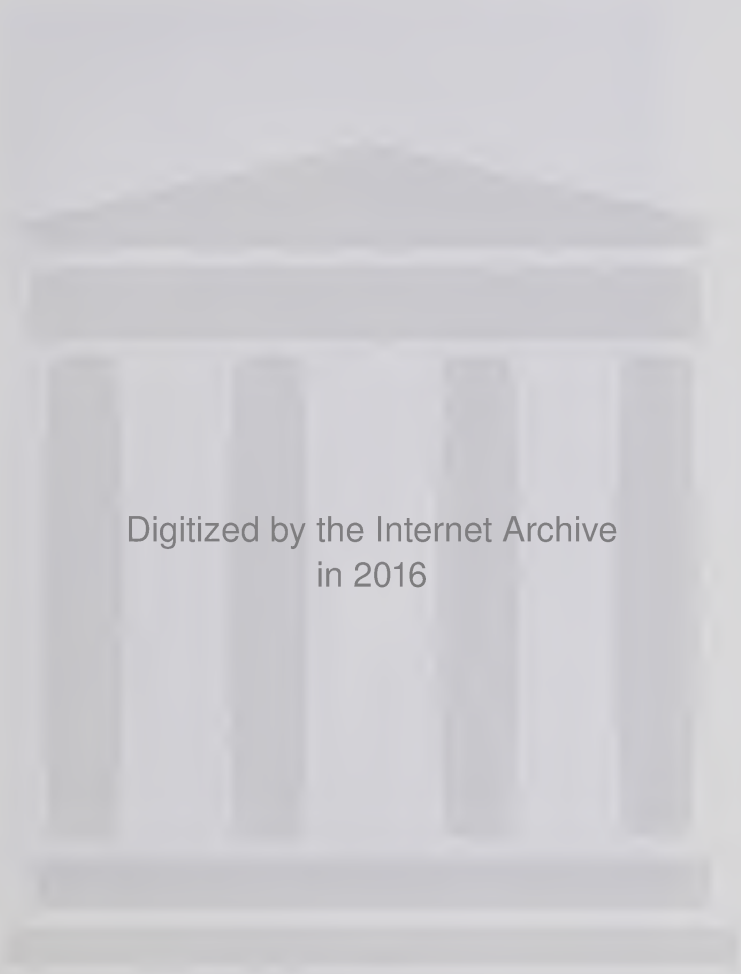
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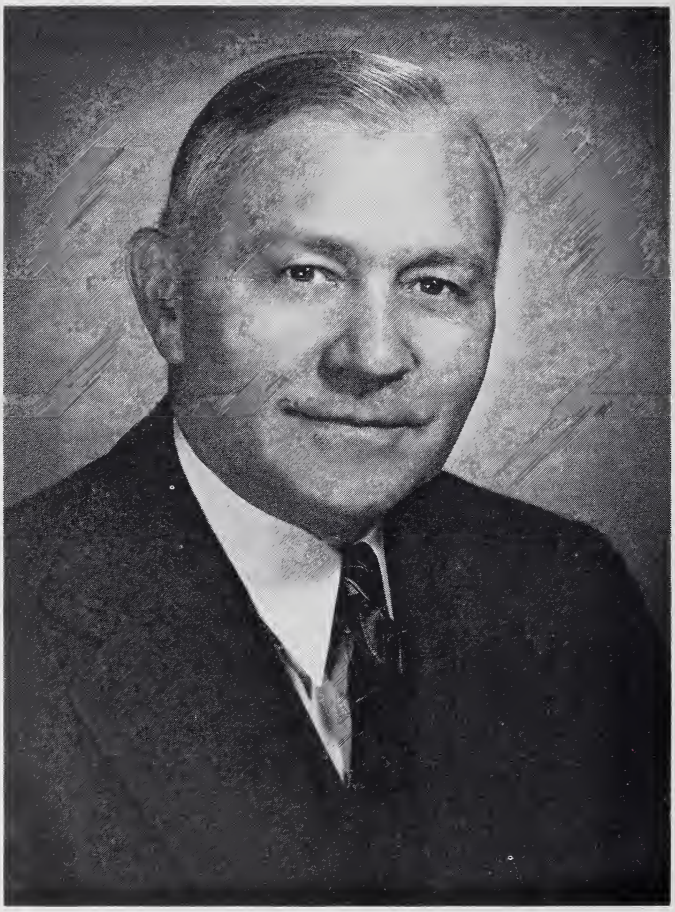

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## Biography

ALVIN RAY BUSH was born on a farm in Boggs Township, Clearfield County, Pa., June 4, 1893; attended the public schools; at the age of thirteen started work as a laborer in Pennsylvania coal mines and later was an apprentice in a machine shop; during the First World War served overseas as a corporal with the Five Hundred and Forty-first Motor Truck Company; established an automobile repair business in Philipsburg, Pa.; purchased a bus line serving Philipsburg and neighboring communities, later becoming president and general manager of the Williamsport Transportation Co.; operated a dairy farm in Lycoming County, Pa.; director of Lowry Electric Co. and Muncy Valley Hospital; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-second and to the four succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1951, until his death in Williamsport, Pa., November 5, 1959; interment in Twin Hills Cemetery, near Montoursville, Pa.

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for
# Alvin Ray Bush

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# Proceedings in the House

WEDNESDAY, *January 6, 1960.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Psalm 124: 8: *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

O Thou who hast opened unto us the gateway to a new year, we are earnestly seeking Thy divine guidance and strength as we enter upon this 2d session of the 86th Congress.

We beseech Thee to lay Thy hands of blessing and benediction upon our President, our Speaker, the Members of this legislative body, and all who are serving our beloved country in whatever capacity.

May our minds and hearts be the sanctuaries of Thy presence and the channels of Thy power.

Grant that when difficult problems and decisions throw all their weight against us we may lean hard upon Thee for help and learn the secret of victorious living.

Hear us as we bow in adoration and unite in offering unto Thee the prayer of the Prince of Peace, our Lord and Saviour.

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.*

Amen.

Mr. FENTON. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 403

*Resolved,* That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable ALVIN R. BUSH, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved,* That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, as a further mark of respect for our deceased colleague, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 7, 1960, at 12 o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, *January 12, 1960.*

A message from the Senate by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 223

*Resolved,* That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable ALVIN R. BUSH, late a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved,* That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, adjourn until Wednesday next.

## Remarks by Representative Fenton

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. FENTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of sadness that I announce to the membership of the House of Representatives the sudden death of our beloved colleague, ALVIN R. BUSH, of R.D. 2, Muncy, Pa., on Thursday, November 5, 1959, at the Williamsport (Pa.) Hospital.

Following the adjournment of the first session of the 86th Congress, Mr. BUSH, as was his custom, toured a great part of the counties in Pennsylvania which comprised his district—the 17th.

On Monday evening, November 2, he made his annual visitation to the Jersey Shore Rotary Club where he made his last speech.

Tuesday morning, November 3—election day—apparently in good health, he voted in his home precinct. He retired that evening at 10 o'clock.

Mr. BUSH awoke at 4:45 a.m. on Wednesday, complaining of chest pains and he was immediately transferred to the Williamsport Hospital. He suffered another attack that same night and his condition became critical. He passed away on Thursday, November 5, at 12:30 p.m.

AL BUSH, as he was affectionately called, was one of the finest gentlemen that I ever met. He was kind and always considerate of his fellow man.

I became acquainted with AL several years before he came to Congress, and with his election to the seat vacated by former Representative Robert F. Rich, who was not a candidate for reelection, I learned to know him for the gentleman that he was.

Mr. BUSH was elected to the 82d Congress on November 7, 1950. He was reelected every 2 years, and consequently was in his fifth term. During his service in the House he served on various committees, such as the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Department, and the Committee on Public Works. During the present term of Congress he was a member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Mr. BUSH served his constituency with distinction. His paramount thought at all times was the welfare of his country, his constituents, and family.

Born June 4, 1893, in Boggs Township, Clearfield County, Pa., he attended a country school until he was 13 years old, at which time necessity forced him to go to work in the coal mines.

In 1913 he obtained a job as a mechanic's apprentice in a Clearfield machine shop, after which he opened up a small repair shop in Philipsburg, Pa.

During the First World War, Mr. BUSH served with the Army in France. After his release from the service, he returned to Philipsburg. In 1920 he purchased a small bus line serving the surrounding rural communities. He drove the buses himself and repaired them at night.

Mr. BUSH migrated to Williamsport in 1932 at a time when buses were replacing trolley cars in that city. He, and later his son, Alvin C. Bush, operated the Williamsport Transportation Co. until a few years ago when they sold it.

Mr. BUSH purchased and modernized the Wyno Farms, making it one of the show places of his area. His Guernsey herd is recognized as one of the finest in the country.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, the American Legion, the 40 and 8, Veterans of Foreign Wars, various Masonic organizations, Pennsylvania Breeders Association, and the Consolidated Sportsmen of Lycoming County.

He had been a director of the Muncy Valley Hospital and the Lycoming County Fair Association, relinquishing these

because his presence in Washington prevented him from attending meetings.

He was a director of the Lowery Electric Co., and Radio Station WWPA, and served on the Advisory Committee of the Williamsport Salvation Army.

AL and his dear wife, Lucinda, visited at my home, and Mrs. Fenton and I visited them at their home. We shall indeed miss him.

In addition to his wife, Lucinda M., a daughter, Shirley, wife of John H. Eck, and a son, Alvin C. Bush, survive; also four grandchildren.

AL BUSH was the type of citizen who is so greatly needed in our country today. A real American, he was a living example of what can be accomplished by hard work and individual initiative. There never was a finer exponent of the free enterprise system that has made the United States the greatest country of all. His belief in his fellow man, his strong character, and his will to assist all, endeared AL BUSH to men and women in all walks of life.

AL BUSH's achievements and success were his own. I feel that in his recent years he found much self-satisfaction in a job well done.

I have lost a real and sincere friend, his community, district, and State have lost a faithful and very able public servant, and our country has lost a capable, conscientious statesman.

Our country has lost a great champion for the liberties and freedoms which we still enjoy, and which, as AL so often said, did so much for him.

I know that God will give Mrs. Bush and her loved ones the strength and fortitude to carry on in the days ahead, and to help keep the Bush name the fine symbol of Americanism that it has stood for in so many years of life and progress.

The heartfelt sympathy of myself and my family go out to Mrs. Bush and her family in their great loss. May God comfort them all is my most sincere wish.

## Remarks by Representative Halleck

*Of Indiana*

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, last fall, shortly after adjournment of the 1st session of this 86th Congress, it was my pleasure to visit the 17th District of Pennsylvania at the invitation of our late colleague, the Honorable ALVIN R. BUSH.

I could not possibly have had a more gracious host, a statement all of you here who knew AL BUSH as I did will understand and appreciate.

It was my privilege, during that visit, to serve as guest speaker at a banquet in Williamsport at which AL was honored for his years of service here in the House of Representatives.

As one who had developed a deep affection for our gentle colleague, you may be certain I took full advantage of the opportunity to offer my testimonial to AL BUSH, in his presence and before his people as a dedicated American.

How happy I am now that this opportunity came my way back in October of 1959.

And how shocked and grieved I was to learn, such a short time after this happy experience at Williamsport, that death had come to a wonderful person who had so recently appeared to be in good health, and who so obviously was enjoying the challenge of his career here in the Congress.

The AL BUSH I knew was a hard-working, versatile, and effective Representative who understood his responsibilities and who met them.

But I think the picture all of us will carry through the years when we remember our friend is that of a man who was extraordinarily kind to everyone he met, regardless of station. This was no kindness born of expediency. AL

Bush was kind because he genuinely liked people. And they liked him.

I will not soon forget the warmth of the reception given him by so many of his friends and neighbors at the dinner meeting in Williamsport.

And I shall always be grateful that the chance came my way to take part in such a richly deserved tribute to a dear friend.

## Remarks by Representative Arends

*Of Illinois*

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, it is impossible for me to convey in words the loss I have felt with the passing of my friend AL BUSH. As we begin the work of this session, all of us will miss the contribution he invariably made to our deliberations.

AL was a quiet, unassuming man who was always seeking ways that he could be helpful. He loved people, and he had innumerable friends. To him friendship was something to be cherished, and there was not anything he would not do to aid a friend. He was a personal friend of mine whom I shall never forget. I think he was an inspiration to all of us, for whom we had great affection and respect.

AL BUSH was a man of convictions, and he had the courage to express them and to adhere to them, come what may. He sought nothing for himself. He was not interested in fame and glory. He was solely interested in doing that which he thought would best advance the welfare of the people he represented and the country as a whole.

Before coming to Congress he was a successful businessman. As a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, he brought to the deliberations of that committee his knowledge and experience in the field of transportation. At one time he was general manager of the Williamsport Transportation Co. and served as president of the Pennsylvania Bus Association.

When he was called to the Great Beyond and met his Maker, I am sure it was said to him, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

## ALVIN RAY BUSH

I extend my sincerest sympathy to his fine wife and family. I hope they can find some consolation in the knowledge that AL left footprints on the sands of time that serve to guide us all for fruitful living. He now lives peacefully in the heavenly temple of the Lord.

## Remarks by Representative Taber

*Of New York*

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, ALVIN BUSH succeeded Robert Rich here. He came from a district which has always had the highest type of representation and he maintained that type himself. He always stood for the legislation which would help the people of the United States and against that tendency that has been so apparent in recent years to waste the people's money and break down our Government. I admired the way he handled himself in his work here and everywhere else very much.

His people suffered a great loss. At the same time we can be thankful that they had a man of such a fine character here.

## Remarks by Representative Bow

*Of Ohio*

Mr. BOW. Mr. Speaker, in the loss of ALVIN BUSH we have lost one of God's great noblemen. I felt that AL BUSH was the exemplification of all that was good in this country; one who was able to rise to the heights in this House from an humble beginning; one who never lost humility, which endeared him to all of us.

He came to Congress in the same session that I came here. He was a good and close friend of mine throughout these years. His great concern for so many he cared for is what made him stand apart from others. He had a sister who lives in my district in the State of Ohio, who suffered a tragedy a little over a year ago. AL BUSH came to me at that time and asked me if I would be of service to his sister if the occasion ever arose. She came to me not long ago and told me many things about AL BUSH as a young man, and how he rose, and the things he did. It was a great story of Americana.

I am proud to join with the members of Pennsylvania in extending to his family our most sincere sympathy, and to his sister who I am sure misses him.

It is hard to fill the place left by so noble a man as Mr. BUSH.

## Remarks by Representative Dague

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, the untimely passing of our esteemed and respected colleague, ALVIN R. BUSH, has cast the pall of sadness over this opening session and as we mark his vacant place we are not inclined to question the wisdom of the Master in taking him from us, but instead we pause to ponder the uncertainty of this life's journey and the temporary nature of these associations we hold so dear.

AL BUSH appreciated the privilege of service in this body as must any humble man who had found his greatest joy in the simple companionship of friends and loved ones in a country environment. But AL BUSH, to a greater degree than most, brought to the Congress an awareness of the needs of his people and a determination to preserve for them those fundamental freedoms for which his forebears fought a dictatorial king and his minions.

The ties between AL and myself were unusually close since we represented districts embracing comparable philosophies. In addition, we enjoyed the confidence of each other and a perusal of our voting records will reveal that we saw eye-to-eye on most of the issues. Truly, Mr. Speaker, this House has not sustained a loss since I have been here that has touched me more deeply.

His widow and his children are bravely carrying on as AL would have them do and I know that they have been greatly comforted by the assurance that his colleagues in the Congress are joined with them in mourning the passing of this great and good American. May our guardian and guide have them in His care and keeping.

## Remarks by Representative Rooney

*Of New York*

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a feeling of genuine sorrow that I raise my voice in brief but sincere tribute to the life and character and public service of Hon. ALVIN RAY BUSH, of the 17th District of Pennsylvania, who passed away on last November 5.

At the time of his death ALVIN BUSH was the third-ranking Republican on the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. While I did not have the years of close personal association and contact with him that some of his other colleagues may have had, I nevertheless acquired a very high regard for his character and ability as a legislator. He was a dignified and kindly gentleman, a fine man who always impressed me as one who could appreciate the problems of his fellowman.

I extend to my friend's wife and daughter and son my deepest sympathy.

## Remarks by Representative Mumma

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. MUMMA. Mr. Speaker, I have listened intently to the remarks covering the life, character, and public service of my friend ALVIN BUSH, and I join in them believing they have been absolutely correct, not an overstatement, but in fact understatements. I think I can qualify as a witness to Mr. BUSH'S character for I believe I was closer to him than any Member of this House without making any exception. He was my "ride"—you know what that means—I traveled with him up to Harrisburg and back for 9 years and I got to know him very well. In addition to that I ate dinner with him practically every night we were in town; and some of the boys can attest that we ate lunch together almost every day. In all these trips and meetings, we would have an opportunity for quiet discussion of issues in Congress that seemed to be most pertinent that week. Thus I got to know AL BUSH, and I concur in everything that has been said about him.

One thing in his life that was omitted is the fact that he was also the owner of a bus system serving suburban Harrisburg. At one time they had 100 buses in operation. AL used to tell me how he started work in a clay mine, which is a sort of like a coal mine, and how he repaired those trucks at night. It is amazing to think of his building of that bus company in Harrisburg with 100 buses under his operation.

I miss him greatly, and from what I have heard here this afternoon, think that this is the general attitude of many, many Members of Congress.

I extend my very deepest sympathies to his wife and to his daughter, whom he was especially proud of, as well as to his son Alvin, a chip off the old block.

## Remarks by Representative Albert

*Of Oklahoma*

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I desire to join the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania and other colleagues in paying this word of tribute to ALVIN BUSH. Although we sat on different sides of the aisle, he was my friend. There is no aisle between friends in this House.

ALVIN BUSH was a man of few words but of deep convictions. He was a warm friend to all of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

ALVIN BUSH was a valuable Member of this House. He was a great character. This has been testified to today by Members who have had the opportunity to know him longer and more intimately than I.

I shall miss him.

I join in extending sympathy to his widow and children.

## Remarks by Representative Lane

*Of Massachusetts*

Mr. LANE. Mr. Speaker, we pause to honor the memory of our departed colleague, Representative ALVIN RAY BUSH of the 17th Pennsylvania District.

He came to us in 1950 to speak for the people of upper Pennsylvania and served them faithfully until his death in 1959.

To the many of us who are lawyers by profession and limited to the ways of urban life, it was a pleasure to work with AL BUSH who opened our eyes to the enduring values and beauties of the bountiful countryside that he loved so well.

AL was a breeder of purebred Guernsey cattle, and an authority on bus transportation. With this background he was able to bridge the difference between rural and urban problems and give us the benefit of his practical advice.

His assignment to the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee was a recognition of his painstaking ability to analyze all sides of a problem before making up his mind. And when he did, you could be sure that his opinion was sound.

Representative BUSH was an overseas veteran of World War I, a 32d degree Mason, and a devout member of the Pine Street Methodist Church.

He was as steady as they come, blessed with the self-reliance and the character that constitute the true strength of our people.

To his widow and his children we send the comfort of our sympathy and our gratitude for his services to the Nation.

AL BUSH was a loyal friend and a highly respected public servant.

He has joined the heavenly company of those whose lives on this earth were distinguished by the good they did for others.

## Remarks by Representative Quigley

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, in one brief 48-hour period during the first week of last November this body lost three distinguished Members and for myself three very good and very dear friends.

I had the privilege of knowing Steve Carter less than a year. I first made his acquaintance when he came to the 86th Congress, and I had the honor of serving with him as a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House.

My close friendship with Charlie Boyle and his wonderful family began some 5 years ago when we both entered this body as freshmen Members of the 84th Congress. However, my friendship with AL BUSH predates my arrival to this body by many years. My first meeting with Mr. BUSH was not as a congressional colleague or as a political opponent. Our initial association was that of a lawyer-client relationship. As a young lawyer I had the task of guiding Congressman BUSH and his son through an acute crisis in their family bus business. During that case I literally lived in the Bush household. Ultimately the crisis passed. We all survived it, and I not only had the grand and satisfying reward of winning the case but of beginning a close and intimate friendship, a friendship which membership in this House has enkindled and a friendship which political differences never dampened.

Mr. Speaker, as we pause today to pay tribute to each of our departed colleagues who were with us when we adjourned last September and who are not with us today, and as we attempt to extend our condolences to the Bush, to the Boyle, and to the Carter families, I cannot help but note that in each of their untimely passings there is a stern reminder of the

task remaining before us. Al Bush was felled by a heart attack. Charlie Boyle died in a tragic highway accident. Steve Carter was a victim of the dread disease cancer. The unanswered challenge to bring under control each of these three couriers of death and suffering and heartbreak, cancer, heart disease, and highway accidents, is a task that lies before us. There is nothing that we can say or do that will return our colleagues to us or to their families and the words we say here will at best be inadequate to console the families in their great loss, or even in paying a deserving tribute to each of our three departed colleagues.

However, Mr. Speaker, I suggest that in the days ahead we can here in the Congress do everything that it is possible for us to do to see to it that each of these three scourges which have struck down our colleagues are ultimately banished from our midst so that they will no longer be permitted to impose the heavy hand of sorrow they have visited on the families and friends of Al Bush, Charlie Boyle, and Steve Carter. I suggest, Mr. Speaker, in paying this tribute that no more fitting tribute could be paid to three great and good men.

## Remarks by Representative Curtin

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. CURTIN. Mr. Speaker, when the roll of Members was called today opening this new session of the Congress, ALVIN BUSH was not here.

Last November 5 this great legislative body lost, by death, a most distinguished Member and I, together with many others, lost a close and dear friend.

ALVIN BUSH was a real Christian gentleman. He was one of the finest men I have ever had the privilege of knowing and one whose counsel and help was always available to any who sought it. He represented the 17th District of Pennsylvania in this Congress for 9 years with distinction and ability. He lived a full and rich life, dedicated to his family and to the unselfish service of his constituents and of his country.

He was a dedicated family man, completely devoted to his lovely wife and two fine children. They have my most sincere sympathy.

It is, therefore, with a heavy heart that I join in these services today for I have lost a loyal friend, his family has suffered an irreparable loss, and Pennsylvania has lost one of its most distinguished sons.

## Remarks by Representative Milliken

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. MILLIKEN. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to join with my colleagues in paying my respects to AL BUSH. I did not have the privilege of knowing him very long, but when I learned of his death I was greatly shocked and very much upset. I had known AL BUSH only in this 1st session of the 86th Congress, but I had learned to love him and respect his judgment. Many days, when trying problems and questions were before us, AL BUSH was a very steadying hand to me and to the Pennsylvania delegation. I know that I, the Pennsylvania delegation and the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives will miss and remember AL BUSH for a long time.

## Remarks by Representative McIntire

*Of Maine*

Mr. McINTIRE. Mr. Speaker, the passing of AL BUSH takes from this body and from among us as individual Members, one of those whom we had learned to love. It was my privilege to enjoy his friendship, and to go to him for counsel and a discussion of the issues over these last 8 years that I have served in Congress.

I considered it a rare opportunity to count him among my personal friends and to realize that his warm friendship was most sincere, that his philosophy was basically entrenched in the great principles upon which this country was built; and that to the extent to which his influence could be felt, these were the principles that he wanted to see maintained as we wrestled with the great problems before this great body.

It was indeed with a distinct personal loss that I learned of his passing. Mrs. McIntire joins with me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bush and the members of the family.

## Remarks by Representative Martin

*Of Massachusetts*

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, universal regrets among all Members of Congress were expressed at the untimely death of ALVIN RAY BUSH. For 9 years he served the 17th Pennsylvania District with credit and distinction. As a man of wide experience in business affairs, his sound, solid judgment was appreciated by all who knew him. He had but a single ambition and that was to serve faithfully and well his native State and the country. A great legislator and a great American died when AL BUSH passed away. Because of our warm friendship, his death was a deep personal loss to me. To his good wife and family I extended my heartfelt sympathy. In their hour of sorrow they can be comforted by the great service he did for mankind.

## Remarks by Representative Robison

*Of New York*

Mr. ROBISON. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to serve during two congressional years with the late ALVIN R. BUSH, of the 17th District of Pennsylvania.

AL was not only a colleague and congressional neighbor but, I am proud to say, a friend as well. Whenever matters of mutual interest to our adjoining districts arose, I was always afforded the courteous and capable cooperation of my friend. He will be sorely missed.

AL had many attributes which I am sure all of us found admirable. Among all those, I shall particularly remember his homespun humor, his constant cheerfulness even under adversity, and, above all, his integrity and devotion to the principle laid down by Henry Clay, in 1829, that, "Government is a trust, and the officers of government are trustees; and both the trust and trustees are created for the benefit of the people."

May I join with my colleagues in expressing my deepest sympathy to his family.

## Remarks by Representative Horan

*Of Washington*

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, to those of us who were privileged to know AL BUSH there must come the real feeling of having lost a true friend. His was a constructive life and any review of AL BUSH's nearly three score and ten years here discloses all of the fine things that a truly patriotic, community-minded, and home-loving man can do to make this a better place in which to live, progress, and seek wholesome happiness.

We will all miss AL BUSH. I want to join with my colleagues in extending our sincere sympathies to his widow and his family.

## Remarks by Representative Lafore

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. LAFORE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of personal loss and sadness that I rise to pay tribute to my distinguished colleague from Pennsylvania's 17th District, the late ALVIN R. BUSH.

He was a good man beloved not only by those who shared his political philosophy, but by those who disagreed.

As a new Member, I profited much by his experience, advice, and understanding.

His untimely death was not only a great personal loss but a loss to the State and Nation he served so well.

I would like to express my heartfelt sympathy to his family.

## Remarks by Representative Flynt

*Of Georgia*

Mr. FLYNT. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing my sorrow in the unexpected and untimely death last fall of our admired and respected friend, ALVIN R. BUSH. Congressman BUSH and I had served continuously on the same committee since I first became a Member of Congress.

He was a pleasant and affable associate in the work of our committee and in the work of the House of Representatives. He was an able and respected Representative of his State and district and a beloved Member of this body. He was a warm, personal friend.

Those of us who were closely associated with him knew him as a man of high integrity and character. He displayed intense interest on legislative matters which came before us, and he made valuable contributions to the legislative work during the entire period of his service as a Representative in Congress.

I shall always remember AL BUSH as a devoted public servant of ability, strength of character, humility and gentle nature. I shall also remember him as a devoted personal friend.

Mrs. Flynt joins me in extending to Mrs. Bush and their children our deepest sympathy, and we share with them their sorrow.

## Remarks by Representative Gavin

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. GAVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow we record the passing of our very good friend and colleague, ALVIN R. BUSH—one of Pennsylvania's outstanding Representatives. His loss will be keenly felt by the Pennsylvania delegation and our State.

AL, as we called him, was a man who loved his district, State, and Nation; and served them well. He was intensely devoted to the interests of the people he represented.

He was always calm, and strong, and self-confident, and treated everyone with great courtesy. AL was always congenial and affable and by his kind deeds and many useful services he evidenced a great love of people.

He was a humble and kindly man whom one admired as companion and friend; always considerate of everyone; a man who added much to our daily lives with a kind word for everybody.

He was an honest, conscientious, and loyal legislator, always looking after the welfare of his district and State. He was a firm believer in the principles of liberty and our American way of life, with the highest concepts of citizenship.

His devotion to and love of country was something to be admired; always ambitious to uphold and defend the fine ideals and traditions of our Nation. He strove mightily to attain those objectives which he thought were for the best interests of all our people and his work in the House of Representatives was useful and constructive.

In a life such as his perhaps the thing most to be admired was the fact he was a good citizen and a devoted American; a man who contributed much to the building of his community, State, and Nation.

We will miss his fine friendship and companionship and it is with great sorrow we record his passing. To his family I extend my deepest and heartfelt sympathy.

## Remarks by Representative Van Zandt

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. VAN ZANDT. Mr. Speaker, on November 5, 1959, the Nation lost one of its outstanding citizens in the death of our colleague and my good friend ALVIN R. BUSH, who for many years represented the 17th District of Pennsylvania in a highly efficient manner.

AL, as he was commonly known, was born and reared in Boggs Township, Clearfield County, in my congressional district. Many of his relatives are my constituents and have told me over a period of years of AL's early life in the Clearfield-Philipsburg area in Pennsylvania. Like many successful Americans, AL BUSH began life in humble circumstances—as a matter of fact in the coal mines—and by diligent efforts he advanced himself in the business world and at the time of his death was one of central Pennsylvania's most successful and outstanding businessmen.

AL's experience as a soldier in World War I, his success in the business world, and his willingness to help and understand the problems of his fellow man were recognized by the residents of the 17th Congressional District when they sought a capable successor to former Representative Robert F. Rich upon the latter's retirement from Congress. AL was elected to the 82d Congress, November 7, 1950, and since taking his seat in January 1951 he not only established himself as an able legislator but endeared himself to his colleagues through his friendliness and his love for people.

The death of AL BUSH leaves all of us with a heavy heart because we have lost a loyal friend and distinguished colleague. To Mrs. Bush and the children, I extend my deepest sympathy with the fervent hope that they will receive a

measure of consolation in the knowledge that AL BUSH through his exemplary life has left many fond memories that will be cherished by the countless friends who deeply mourn his sudden death.

## Remarks by Representative Evins

*Of Tennessee*

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, permit me to take this means of paying a sincere tribute to the memory of our late colleague ALVIN R. BUSH of the 17th District of Pennsylvania who passed away last November 5 during adjournment of the Congress.

I was shocked and saddened to learn of his untimely passing.

For many months ALVIN BUSH and I had offices practically adjoining and I learned to know and love him greatly. He was a remarkable man in many ways—one of fine ability and dedication to his district, State, and Nation. He lived a rich and full life of unselfish service to his family, friends, constituents and country and will be sorely missed by all.

To Mrs. Bush and members of his family I extend an expression of genuine sympathy in their bereavement.

## Remarks by Representative Meader

*Of Michigan*

Mr. MEADER. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, it is a human tendency to go along from day to day performing our routine tasks and experiencing intervals of pleasant enjoyment until abruptly we are confronted with the realities of life and death. Such was the shock I experienced upon the sad news of the passing of my good friend, my colleague and office neighbor, AL BUSH.

AL BUSH was a good citizen. In this body of 437 men and women, which we like to think of as the outstanding institution for self-government by the people of all time, AL BUSH, in his quiet way made a most significant contribution. He was not the flashily articulate exponent of popular causes nor one to engage in the repartee and clash of congressional debate. But, with his friendly smile and a devotion to his country and the principles which he deeply believed would further her best interests, he diligently ministered to the needs of his constituency. Both in his participation in the work of his committees, and in the deliberations of the House itself he cast his votes and made his decisions for the benefit of all Americans.

It would be impossible to dislike AL BUSH. He genuinely liked others, and all of his colleagues, whatever their political views or their personal natures, could not help but return the genuine friendliness of this man.

Mr. Speaker, this House needs orators, it needs pioneers, it needs strategists, but it also needs friendly, right-thinking men and women. That is why we all will miss AL BUSH.

## Remarks by Representative Flood

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, among the familiar faces for which we find ourselves looking in vain as the 2d session of the 86th Congress swings into action is that of my respected and valued colleague of the Pennsylvania delegation, Representative ALVIN R. BUSH, of the 17th Congressional District. The news of AL BUSH's sudden heart seizure, on November 4, and death in Williamsport Hospital on the following day, brought shock and sorrow to me, as to all who knew him. AL BUSH was a devoted public servant, putting his business astuteness and his energetic determination into the advancement of the sometimes unpopular cause of governmental economy. Much of our legislation, over the past 9 years, has profited from the vigilance and good sense of ALVIN BUSH. His knowledge and experience in the field of bus transportation were often called upon, in his work with the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and with the Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics.

It will long be remembered to his credit that he was an enthusiastic supporter of little league baseball, and proud of the claim of Williamsport, in his district, to have founded little league baseball. In the past session, he had sponsored a resolution to establish a National Little League Baseball Week.

We shall miss his aid as a legislator, but more than that, in the days ahead, we shall miss his quiet, friendly presence, and the feeling that, whatever our differences, we were all trying to accomplish a task together, for the common good of our Nation and of our home districts.

To Mrs. Bush, to their children, Mrs. John H. Eck and Alvin C. Bush, and to the many others who knew and loved AL BUSH, I offer my sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

## Remarks by Representative Rhodes

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to ALVIN R. BUSH, one of the outstanding members of our Pennsylvania delegation. His untimely death brought sorrow to those of us who were privileged to serve with him on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

AL BUSH was admired and respected for his humbleness and sincerity. He was a conscientious legislator with strong beliefs and courage of his convictions. We will all miss his contribution to our deliberations in the crucial months of this session.

To his family I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

## Remarks by Representative Kearns

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. KEARNS. Mr. Speaker, in the death of AL BUSH the country, the Congress, and the people of the 17th Congressional District of Pennsylvania lost the services of a most capable legislator.

AL BUSH was a man of outstanding character, ability, and great courage. His affability and warm smile brightened many days for all of us. Personally, his friendship and consideration will always be one of my precious memories.

Again, I extend to Mrs. Bush and the family my deepest sympathy.

## Remarks by Representative Saylor

*Of Pennsylvania*

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, if any Member of the House was more genuinely liked by his colleagues than ALVIN RAY BUSH, his service ended before I entered Congress.

Many, many close friendships are established here on Capitol Hill. Like shipmates in wartime, we forge innumerable and indissoluble fraternal bonds in the course of our meetings and conversations. Our debates may sometime reach a high degree of intensity, but when we recess or adjourn the combatants walk out together in much the same spirit of amity that prevails at the close of an athletic contest when victim and vanquished join arm in arm as they leave the arena.

ALVIN BUSH and I sat on the same side of the aisle and our political convictions were largely parallel; thus in the 9 years we served together, conflicts in our views on issues to be decided in this legislative body were infrequent. But it would have made no difference if we had never shared the same opinion. His host of friends here today whose voting records show no taint of similarity with that of our departed colleague will concur unanimously.

ALVIN BUSH did not think about a person's pedigree, his background, his party affiliation, or his political philosophy. As he was a good man, he enjoyed associating with good men. Of him it can be truly said "He lived by the Golden Rule." He was a deeply religious man, and his Creator's precept on love of ones fellow man was inherent in his character.

Through a geographical advantage, I was able to spend more time with ALVIN BUSH than most Members of the

House found possible. Our families were close and I visited his home and enjoyed many an hour there with him, Mrs. Bush, and their fine children. My life has been enriched by their homelife with its warmth, enthusiasm, and sincerity.

Anyone whose accomplishments are akin to those of ALVIN BUSH could justly be proud of his record, but here was a modest man who discounted what he had done because his only concern was to serve his country and his fellow men so that they and their progeny might live in an atmosphere conducive to a wholesome life in the service of their God. His career bespeaks his ability, determination, and zeal. He went overseas in the defense of his country in World War I, then picked up where he had left off and went on to success as a businessman. With all these interests, he took time to participate in civic affairs and to become active in hospital work. He was a devout church member, and he accepted public service with a spirit of extreme responsibility and dedication.

Our friend has gone to his reward, but his warm personality and inspiring camaraderie will always be appreciated by everyone who ever had the pleasure of knowing him and of sitting with him in this Chamber. God grant him eternal peace.

# Proceedings
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# Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *January 11, 1960.*

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following resolution (H. Res. 403) from the House of Representatives, which was read, as follows:

*Resolved,* That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable ALVIN R. BUSH, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved,* That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved,* That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. DIRKSEN. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution, which I ask to have read, and for which I ask present consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read:

The resolution (S. Res. 223) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved,* That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable ALVIN R. BUSH, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved,* That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, adjourn until Wednesday next.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, pursuant to the resolutions previously agreed to, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable ALVIN R. BUSH, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania, I move that the Senate stand in adjournment until 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday next.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 5 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.) the Senate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative ALVIN R. BUSH, adjourned until Wednesday, January 13, 1960, at 12 o'clock meridian.

# Memorial Tributes
to
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# Memorial Tributes

Mr. FENTON. Mr. Speaker, I include the following editorials:

[From the Williamsport Sun-Gazette of November 6, 1959]

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LOSES FAITHFUL SERVANT

Expressions of sorrow over the sudden and unexpected death of Congressman ALVIN R. BUSH were heard today in all corners of the big eight-county district he served so diligently during the 9 years he was in the National House of Representatives. They were personal, heartfelt tributes.

His warmest friends, his closest political associates, even his sharpest political foes, were as one in paying tribute to his integrity and sincerity as a public official. Although there were critics in his lifetime who differed strongly with his political philosophy, as is always true in public life, there was no man today who denied that he stood loyally to his principles and dedicated himself cheerfully to the work of Congress.

Congressman BUSH was not a speechmaking Member of the House. He seldom took the floor.

But he made friends easily and counted them by scores on both sides of the aisle. Democrats as well as Republicans recognized his integrity, the absence of self-seeking, the honorableness of his motives.

By reason of having won their good opinion, he was enabled to accomplish much for his district.

As monuments to his memory for long years to come will be such district projects as the flood-control reservoirs and dikes on the upper reaches of the Susquehanna River; the extensive improvements at the City-County Airport in Montoursville; and the preservation of the old Susquehanna Ordnance Depot as an acreage saved intact for industrial development.

He kept himself well informed about the Nation's business. He knew what was going on in Congress.

An inquiry from this newspaper—or from any constituent—about some matter in the legislative mill would receive his closest attention. Information was always forthcoming.

In all parts of his district are persons today who tell of his helpfulness in handling their affairs with either Congress or some one of the departments, bureaus, or agencies of the Federal Government.

Indeed, concerning his activities in Washington, it was frequently surprising to observe how little he talked about the work he was doing and the significance of matters that passed over his desk.

He neither bragged nor sought publicity, but the increasing importance of his House committee assignments attested his growing stature.

For example, as a member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and its Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics, he was close to the Nation's commerce and finance. He had an influential voice in determining Federal disbursements to aviation—which was much to the benefit of this immediate community.

Again, his membership on the Committee on Public Works enabled him to serve his entire district well with respect to flood control and road projects.

Congressman BUSH was an independent-minded Member of the House of Representatives.

Although predisposed—because of his years as a county chairman—to be loyal to his party's leadership, he refused to be a rubber stamp. He did his own thinking, and his wide business experience generally qualified him to rely on his own judgment.

He was a champion of good government. It may be said of him that he loved it with a devoted zeal.

He preached the importance of it during 10 years as Republican chairman in Lycoming County; he dedicated himself to it during his 9 years in Congress.

Entirely happy in serving his fellow citizens, consecrated to what he believed was the best interest of his country, persistent in seeking whatever would benefit the 17th District of Pennsylvania, he was indeed our faithful servant at Washington.

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### HE DID A JOB FOR LITTLE LEAGUE

His constituents have many things for which to thank Congressman ALVIN R. BUSH, whose sudden death yesterday is being widely mourned. He looked after their interests well in Washington.

High on the list of his accomplishments stands the national and official recognition of Little League baseball.

The resolution he sponsored early this year, which Congress passed and President Eisenhower approved, sets aside a week annually as Little League Baseball Week. Williamsport, as the home of Little League, is as proud of this recognition as Congressman BUSH was pleased to achieve it.

[From the Lock Haven Express, Lock Haven, Pa., of November 6, 1959]

CONGRESSMAN BUSH

The shock of ALVIN R. BUSH's death will reverberate through the 17th Congressional District for many months to come, and also in the Halls of Congress where, in his 10 years of membership, he won respectful affection from his colleagues. Mr. BUSH has been a good Congressman, one who learned his job conscientiously, performed its multitudinous duties with diligence, and maintained an excellent record of attendance at the sessions of the House, meetings of his committees, and hearings which involved the interests of his district.

We of Clinton County have much to thank him for, in his single-minded championing of the West Branch flood-control program. He has been interested in the protection of the communities of Clinton, Cameron, and Lycoming Counties from the flood ravages of the West Branch, ever since he went to Congress as a Member of the session which began in 1950. Even before that he was working for flood control with the community leaders of Williamsport and Jersey Shore. We have seen him in action on our behalf, and have had good reason to appreciate his effective efforts in bespeaking the support of his colleagues in obtaining congressional authorizations and appropriations for the various projects in the program.

His work for flood control is assuming definite and tangible shape on Kettle Creek, where the dam for which he worked and fought, through many hearings and committee sessions, is rising into a monument to the effective efforts which he put forth in company with other flood control workers. Although many others joined in the campaign which is now beginning to produce real flood control in this valley, the basic truth is that, without Mr. BUSH and his constant, persistent and unflagging endeavors in Washington, to make sure that the project would not be sidetracked, the Kettle Creek Dam might not be under construction today.

It would be a fitting memorial if that dam, at its dedication, should be named in honor of ALVIN R. BUSH.

But flood control was not the only interest of Mr. BUSH in Congress, nor the only area in which he worked with consistent zeal for what his district wanted and what he thought would benefit his constituents and the Nation as a whole. He was a sincere conservative, but one who modified his attitudes by a human sympathy with the practical needs of the people and an intelligent grasp of the requirements of a changing modern society.

His political opponents could criticize him, as they did from time to time, for his sturdy defense of the Federal budget, and his supporters could chide him, as they did on occasion, for his support of the foreign aid program. But both critics and friends would have to agree that his voting record in Congress has been one that could be intelligently defended—conservative without being reactionary, liberal without being radical.

This does not mean that Mr. BUSH did not stand up for his principles. He did that consistently, and his principles included the very defensible one that good sense should dictate the type of legislation adopted by Congress.

Mr. BUSH left much unfinished business on his desk. Anyone who takes his place as our Congressman will have a big pair of shoes to fill. Not only the completion of the flood-control program depends upon the type and character of the man who replaces him in the 17th District, but many other items of public business, ranging from appointments to the military service schools to legislation to lighten the tax pressure on the small businessman.

Mr. BUSH, loyal to the principles of his party and to the policies of President Eisenhower, nevertheless took an independent position on many issues where he felt the inflexible maintenance of preconceived positions might create hardships and cause practical difficulties. He set a precedent of sensible service and considered action which his successor, whoever he may turn out to be, would be wise to accept as a beginner's guide to successful performance of congressional duties.

In the 17th District, literally thousands of people are mourning the death of Mr. BUSH as the loss of a friend as much as the loss of a Representative in Congress. One of his outstanding qualities was the ability to greet his fellow citizens of the district not as a perennial candidate, seeking their votes, but as their personal emissary and spokesman in the National Legislature.

His 10 years in Washington gave him the opportunity to render personal services to many constituents, as the intermediary between them and their Government. He carried out those services with the interest of a personal friend, whether it was a case of helping a serviceman arrange to bring home his wife and child on the same ship on which he would travel, returning from service in Japan, or inviting a colleague to make a speech at a Lincoln Day dinner.

Those who had naturally assumed that he would continue to serve them in Congress to the end of his current term, and probably for several terms beyond that time, suffered a real blow in yesterday's news. It has shocked both friends and political opponents into a new appraisal of the man and his contribution to the huge 17th District, the longest in geographical terms, in the whole country.

He managed to get over that large area frequently, not only during campaigns but in off years as well; and he managed also to maintain an up-to-date grasp of the community problems and needs of the immensely varied territory he represented.

This session has been an extended one, and the legislation with which it has dealt has been highly complicated, controversial, and difficult. A man of Mr. BUSH's conscientious feeling would exert himself not only to study the ins and outs of important legislation, but would worry over his own responsibilities and duties in relation to it. He did tell his friends that he had experienced pressures beyond his previous experience and imagination during the height of the session.

It is not an exaggeration to say that his death, at 66, of a heart attack came almost without warning, could easily have been hastened by the stresses and strains of a hard-working session of Congress, during which he had worked unusually hard and long.

He deserves the requiem of that hallowed Scriptural phrase, "A good and faithful servant."

[From the Daily Review, Towanda, Pa.]

CONGRESSMAN ALVIN R. BUSH

Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District has lost a great fighter, a man who has been as dedicated to the responsibilities of good government for America as any we have come to know. He was a two-fisted advocate of every measure that came before the Congress of the United States which stood for a better America.

Congressman ALVIN R. BUSH will be greatly missed—by his host of friends who knew him as "AL" BUSH.

A frequent visitor to Bradford County, where he received his strongest and most dependable support throughout the entire district, Congressman BUSH was just one of those unusual men in the Federal Government today who has a faculty for taking care of business. Congressman BUSH has served the needs of the 17th Congressional District and the needs of the Nation in the Halls of Congress as well as any good man could. He was a man of many capabilities and many burdens, but he was never short on hard work or long hours—the very things that probably contributed to his sudden passing. We have heard him say a good many times on his visits to this county: "Let me tell you, it's awfully good to be back with you wonderful folks in Bradford County." And there you have it exactly as he felt.

Congressman ALVIN R. BUSH has performed his duties with the vigor and the tenacity of a fine statesman. The pressures of the responsibilities on such men as him are beyond the conception of most of us. He has served this country well. We will miss him, for we know that it takes men like AL BUSH to keep the ship right side up.

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